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Mr. Michael Volpe
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Dear Mr. Volpe:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek list of medals the Navy awarded to Admiral Donald C. Arthur. Your request was received in this office on July 12, 2018, has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20180522 by this command.

The FOIA does not require an agency to create or compile a list solely to satisfy a FOIA request, nor does it require an agency to validate the accuracy of an existing responsive document. The DD Form 214 is a document which captures a list of annotated awards. As such, a releasable copy of the DD Form 214 is enclosed. The redacted portions of the released documentation are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Admiral Arthur and other identified individuals.

Although the excised information does not appear to be responsive to your request, if necessary, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

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Further, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to:

<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. German", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D. P. GERMAN
FOIA/PA Officer
By direction